

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-3, 7 and 11 were rejected by the Examiner and claims 4-6, 8-10 and 12 were objected to. Claims 13-25 were withdrawn by the applicant in the previous response. Claims 1- 25 remain pending after this response.

35 U.S.C. §102(b) (claims 1, 2, 3, 7 and 11)

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 2, 3, 7 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,242,959 issued to Stern.


In the telephone Examiner interview on October 27, 2005, the Examiner stated that the current rejection of claim 1 would be overcome with the amendment of claim 1 as indicated on page 2 of this response. In particular, the preamble phrase "within a reference clock period" was removed from the preamble and added to the first claim step so that claim 1 reads: "measuring delay spacing between said plurality of clock signal edges within a reference clock period." (Claim 1) The applicant respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 based on the amendment and believes that it is now in condition for allowance based on the interview.

Claims 2, 3, 7 and 11 depend from claim 1 and contain each of its limitations. The applicant respectfully requests removal of the 102(b) rejection of these claims based on the amendment to claim 1.

The applicant believes that claims 1-12 are now in a condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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